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ROME FOR FODAG

FOLLOWING REPEAT SANTIAGO 02119 ACTION SECSTATE MARCH 23.

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FROM FOR FODAG

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA

REF: A. STATE 074333; B) SANTIAGO 1911

1. OF POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO FODAG AND DEPARTMENT WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING. ECLA ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BLACHARD CONFIRMS THAT THE TWO MEETINGS (REFTEL B) ARE INTENDED TO BE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT ENTITIES.

2. AS TO PARTICIPANTS, HE REITERATES THAT THE ECLA/FAO MEETING WILL BE PITCHED AT THE TECHNICAL LEVEL AND ECLA THEREFORE EXPECTS TECHNICIANS TO ATTEND. IN CONTRAST, THE FAO MEETING WILL BE AT THE GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, INVOLVING A DIFFERENT SET OF PARTICIPANTS.

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BLANCHARD OBSERVES, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WILL DOUBTLESSLY BE SOME OVERLAP AS A FEW COUNTRIES WILL SEND ONE DELEGATION TO BE ACCREDITED TO BOTH MEETINGS. THIS IS EXPECTED TO BE EXCEPTIONAL. ECLA INFORMS US THAT AS IT IS NOW CONCEPTUALIZED, THE "DOCUMENT" TO BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT ECLA/FAO MEETING WILL BE ESSENTIALLY A THINK PIECE. IT WILL EMERGE FROM THE BASIC PAPER ECLA IS NOW DRAFTING; CONTRIBUTIONS MADE IN THE PREVIEW SEMINAR IN MEXICO

IN LATE MARCH; AND THE DIALOGUE OF THE MONTEVIDEO MEETING ITSELF.
THE DOCUMENT WILL, ACCORDING TO ECLA, NOT EMBODY SPECIFIC POLICY
RECOMMENDATIONS AS SUCH. THE MEETING'S APPROVAL WOULD CONSTITUTE
NOTHING MORE THAN AN EXPRESSION OF CONSENSUS AS TO THE DOCUMENT'S
GENERAL CONTENT.

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